(d) The work of land acquisition is still in progress and construction estimate is yet to he sanctioned. As such it is too early to indicate the target date of completion.

Smoking in the Buses

4139 SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the incidence of passive smoking in Delhi Transport buses is on the increase as the crew and the owners of Private buses under DTC. operation as also the Redline buses and those under STA. system are themselves indulging in smoking in the buses thereby endangering the health of the passengers;

(b) if so, whether any surprise checks are conducted to curb this menace in public buses: if so, the number of persons apprehended during the last three years: and

(c) if no surprise checks are conducted, what are the reasons therefor and how Government propose to end this evil ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Some instances of this nature have come to the notice of DTC and STA, Delhi

(b) DTC carries out regular checking to curb the menace. The number of persons apprehended during the last three years are as under:—

Year	No. of persons
1991	13
1992	9
1993 (till July, 93).	4

The State Transport Authority, Govt, of National Capital Territory of Delhi had issued public notice in March and May, 1993 instructing the operators of Redline buses, not to allow smoking in the buses and put 'No Smoking' signs in the Buses and also to ensure strict compliance of the instructions.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Collapse of Pandu Jetty at Guwahati

4140 SHRI W KULABIDHU SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT he pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Pandu Jetty at Guwahati has collapsed during the course of execution;

(b) if so. what is the total loss in the collapse:

(c) whether the executing party and persons responsible for Pandu Jetty collapse have been penalised; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STALE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE. TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) During thehigh flood in July. 1991. 17 out of the .35 piles of Pandu Jetty under construction were damaged/collapsed. The loss for works executed is about Rs. 65.45 lakhs as per the report of the Investigation Committee constituted by the North Eastern Council.

(c) and (d) The contract was terminated and bank guarantee worth Rs. 68.12 lakhs was encashed.

Misappropriation of Union Funds

4141. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Trustee representing the interest of labour in Paradeep Port Trust is facing an enquiry of acquiring disproportionate property during his tenure of trusteeship and also if a prosecution case is filed against him by the Deputy Labour Commissioner, Cuttack, for misappropriation of Union funds and for furnishing false information to the Register of Trade Unions; and

(b) if so, action Government contemplates to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A complaint had been received against a Trustee representing labour alleging acquisition of disproportionate assets, which is under investigation. Also a case under Section 406 IPC has been registered by the Local Police.

(b) No action is contemplated at this stage. After the investigation is over, the appropriate authority will take further necessary action under the relevant rules.